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## A CADET KILLED.

### COMRADE ACCIDENTALLY SHOOT HIS MATE.

#### A Sad Happening at the Missouri Military Academy.

Perry Hazelton, a St. Louis lad at the Missouri Military Academy, in this city, was shot accidentally and killed last Saturday afternoon by Thomas Broughton, another St. Louis cadet enrolled at the school. Hazelton was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hazelton.

Hazelton, who was under instructions not to leave the academy campus because of an infringement of the school rules, slipped away, it is said, with three companions to the woods, just back of the school grounds. They had with them a 22-caliber target rifle, with which they were practicing. Hazelton had just returned from placing the target for Broughton and was standing near him when the gun was discharged.

The bullet entered the lad's neck just above the chest and lodged in his head, severing a blood vessel. He lived only about five minutes.

Broughton could not explain how the weapon happened to go off. The other two boys in the party were Stuart Alden and Thomas Lohman, cadets from St. Louis. The dead lad was 12 years old and an only child.

Alden and Lohman unite in declaring that the shooting was accidental, because of the position of the gun when discharged. Broughton could not realize for a minute what had happened. The rifle belonged to Hazelton.

Col. Kohr, president of the Academy, and a company of cadets accompanied the remains to St. Louis Sunday afternoon.

#### Missouri Man Pensioned.

Carnegie Hero Fund Commission today awarded medals and made other recognition of acts of bravery. Among those singled out for recognition one man was from Missouri.

Bernhard Schneider of St. Peters, Mo., was drowned July 28, 1911, while rescuing a 14-year-old boy, who had gotten beyond his depth, while swimming in a creek near St. Peters.

He succeeded in pushing the boy up the shelving bank, but was unable to follow.

The commission awarded a bronze medal to his widow and also provided a pension of \$35 a month, with \$5 additional for each of her three children until they reach the age of 16.

#### Damage by Fire.

A blanket too close to a hard coal stove at the home of E. F. Kunkel caught fire Saturday and caused big excitement in the family. The children yelled "Fire! fire!" and the milk man happening by turned in the alarm. By the time the fire department arrived and all the neighbors Mrs. Kunkel had put the blaze out with a bucket or two of water. About \$100 damage was done but prompt action saved a total loss of house and contents.

#### Inherits a Fortune.

Mrs. Mary Schiabe, of this city, received \$1,000 recently from her daughter, Mrs. Mary Walker, of Galveston, Texas, a part of a fortune which Mrs. Walker has fallen heir to from a wealthy Southern Texas woman. Two sisters of Mrs. Walker also live in Mexico, Mrs. L. N. Ketter and Mrs. John T. Martin.

Ed. Adair's team went thru a bridge with him one night last week, near the home of F. T. Harris, north of Mexico, and one horse had a leg broken.

## BIG LAW SUIT FILED.

Litigation involving about \$75,000 worth of real estate, was begun in the Audrain County Circuit Court last week when a suit was filed by the heirs of Aaron McPike, founder of the City of Vandalia, against Restora McPike, widow of Charles H. McPike, to determine the interest of the heirs in 400 acres of land and other property in and near the City of Vandalia. Charles H. McPike was a son of Aaron McPike and is said to have had only a life interest in the property.

County Prosecuting Attorney E. S. Gant of Mexico and Judge J. S. Gatson of Vandalia represent the defendant in the case. Robertson & Robertson are for the plaintiff.

## ALL GOOD FELLOWS.

The Farber Forum makes the following observation:

There is promise of an interesting three cornered contest for Prosecuting Attorney of Audrain County in the coming campaign. John T. Baker, E. A. Shannon and Judge Fry are lining up for the race. They are all Mexico boys, and good fellows.

## MR. CLEMENS DEAD.

A. J. Clemens, 82 years old, residing 14 miles northwest of Mexico, died on the 17th inst. The burial was at Santa Fe Thursday afternoon. Deceased was a native of Virginia. The wife died several years ago. The following children survive him: Mrs. R. J. Elliott, Mrs. W. H. Elliott, of this county; Wallace Clemens, of Minnesota; and R. S. Clemens, of San Antonio, Texas.

## LIBERTY CHURCH ITEMS.

Bro. Eagan Herndon, an Audrain county boy, who resides northwest of Centralia, has been chosen pastor of the church for 1912. He is an excellent man and the congregation is well pleased with him. He filled his appointment at the church last Sunday. Good attendance. His regular day will be the third Sunday in each month.

The Sunday school at Liberty is doing fine work. It was the best thru 1911 during its history.

## NEGRO BURGLAR ARRESTED.

George Boulware, colored, was arrested in Mexico last Thursday by Sheriff Woolery. He is charged with robbing Cannell Brothers' store at Hatton several weeks ago. He was chased by bloodhounds but made good his escape. Fifty dollars was offered for his capture. He sneaked into Mexico, armed with a 44 colt's revolver. Another negro who knew him saw him at the depot and told Charles Holt about it and Holt telephoned for the officers. Boulware made no resistance. The Callaway authorities came for him Friday.

## AUDRAIN STEERS AT TOP.

The Live Stock Reporter last week printed the following item:

Another top notch feather was put in the well crowded hat of Joe Considine the big feeder from Audrain county. Mr. Considine was on the market today with a drove of his own fed cattle that averaged 1372 and sold at \$7.50, the top of the steer trade. Mr. Considine is one of the big feeders of Audrain county and ranks high as a marketer of the best that his county turns out. He is a large contributor to this market and is a National Stock Yards booster. His shipment today was purchased by Morris and Company.

W. B. Myers, of Perry, will take charge of J. C. King's meat market and grocery in Mexico the first of next month. The Message reported some time ago that Mr. King had traded his business here to Mr. Myers for a 160 acre farm, which lies between here and Perry.

## TO CHOSE DELEGATES.

Democrats to Hold Precinct Meetings Saturday, Feb. 10th.

The County Democratic Central Committee was in session in Mexico Monday, all the members present. The following resolution was adopted:

"Be it Ordered:—That a County Delegate Convention be held at the Court House in Mexico, beginning at 2:30 o'clock p. m., on Monday the 12th day of February 1912, for the purpose of electing 13 delegates, and 13 alternates, to represent the Democrats of Audrain county, in the State Convention to be held at Joplin on the 20th day of February 1912.

"And it is further ordered: That the Democrats of each precinct in the county meet at their respective precincts, on Saturday, February 10th, at two o'clock p. m., and after organizing by electing a chairman and secretary, they elect one delegate, for each precinct, to the aforesaid County Convention to be held in Mexico, February 12th, 1912, except for the City of Vandalia there shall be elected two delegates, and for the City of Mexico, there shall be elected four delegates, at a mass meeting to be held at the Court House at two o'clock p. m., on said February 12th.

"The purpose of the State Convention at Joplin February 20th, 1912, is for the election of Presidential Electors and Delegates to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore June 25th, 1912; and further, for the ascertaining and declaring the choice of the Democratic party of Missouri as between Joseph W. Folk and Champ Clark as candidates for the Presidency, and with this end in view the delegates to the said County Convention should be chosen.

"All in pursuance of instructions of the Democratic State Committee."

Col. Green Clay presided at the meeting Monday. He is county chairman and at the conclusion of the committee's business offered his resignation, on account of business that takes him South for some time. The resignation was not accepted. A temporary chairman will be chosen in Mr. Clay's absence.

## Poultry and Butter Sales.

Mrs. G. W. Woods, of near Molino, reports the following to the Message as her profits from poultry and butter during the year 1911:

Eggs, \$142.50; chickens, \$115.00; turkeys, \$108.00; butter, \$15.10. Total, \$380.60. Now that's doing well, as we look at it.

Jesse Hall and family have moved back to Laddonia from Daykin, Neb.

Nellie L. Jahn has filed suit for divorce from her husband, Geo. G. Jahn. She alleges desertion and non-support.

Miss Minnie Anderson of Wells-ville has been elected telephone operator at the Molino switchboard and is to enter upon her duties March 1st.

Mrs. Rebecca Ardrey is suing her husband, W. J. Ardrey, for divorce. She charges desertion and non-support and asks that her maiden name, Rebecca Green, be restored.

## In Memory of Little Georgia Morgan.

The Angel of Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morgan of near Molino, Dec. 17, 1911, and took their baby, little Georgia, aged six months. Bereaved parents, remember little Georgia is happy now with other angels. "I take the little lambs," said He. And lay them in my breast; Protection they shall find in me, In me be ever blest."

## MEXICO WOMAN DIVORCED.

Reno, Nev., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Gertrude May Watts of Mexico, Mo., secured a divorce from her husband, Frank G. Watts, in the District Court here on the charge of abandonment and non-support. Mrs. Watts filed a petition asking that the three-year-old daughter, Mary, be given in adoption to Wm. H. Worley of San Francisco.

While the decree of divorce was on its way to the clerk's office Worley appeared to obtain a marriage license, and named Mrs. Watts as the person he wished to marry. The couple tried several ministers for the purpose of being married, but all refused. Then they went to the office of Justice of the Peace Lee J. Davis, who is also a Missourian and from the Mexico locality. After the usual questions he married them.

Watts is now in Los Angeles and is an upholsterer of automobiles. He left his wife in 1909. They were married May 15, 1909, at Mexico, Mo.

## BENTON CITY ITEMS.

Leo Himes is quite sick of ton-silitis.

Miss Eunice Coil of Venice is the guest of Wm. Coil and wife here this week.

Alfred Hicks is laid up with la-grippe.

Mrs. L. M. Owens was shopping in Mexico Saturday.

Mrs. Finley Johnson and daughter are in St. Louis this week.

Dr. W. H. Douglass was in Martinsburg on professional business Friday evening between trains.

Miss Edith Purdon who has a position as stenographer in Mexico spent Sunday with her parents here.

J. W. Douglass and daughter were guests of David Douglass and wife Sunday.

Aunt Sarah Trachel was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Davis, Sunday.

Emil Jungbluth was in Martinsburg on business Monday.

The Young People's meeting will be held at the Christian church Sunday evening, before services, and will be led by Mrs. Jno. Dovenspike.

Geo. Romans and wife of Martinsburg are guests at A. F. Romans'.

F. E. Okey, Mr. Marvin, Walter Wilburn, Walker Woodbridge, Wm. Duckworth, Paul Leierheimer and Albert Trenor were at Mexico Monday.

Oscar Clark, after spending a month with home folks here, returned to the West Monday.

Mrs. G. F. Clark of this city, who has been quite ill, is enjoying a visit from her brother, Stillman Campbell, of Hardin, Ill.

L. L. Spencer, formerly of near Laddonia, has moved onto the Joe Rediger farm, near Centralia, which he recently purchased.

James P. Powell, the new hardware man at the T. F. Roden stand on the northeast corner of the square, has moved his family to Mexico. They are housed in the Bruce home, on North Jefferson street.

Mr. J. C. Younger, of Elmo, Nodaway county, Mo., is visiting his son's family, G. E. Younger, of Mexico. This is his first visit here since 1891. He will be glad to meet his old friends while here. He is 84 years old his next birthday, but is hearty and healthy.

Eld. B. G. Reavis, of Elsberry, former pastor of the Christian church at Rising Sun, north of Mexico, held eight protracted meetings in the year 1911, with 250 additions to the churches. Of these, the most accessions were at Salt River, Ralls county, 50; New Hartford, Ill., 41; and Union, Monroe county, 40.

## FARM AND LIVE STOCK.

Robt. H. Cauthorn lost two fine jacks last week.

Marlow Shock, southwest of Mexico, lost a fine mare one night last week.

Harvey Summers of near Laddonia sold Robt. Dye a span of mules for \$325.

A Ralls county farm of 160 acres sold for \$117.18 an acre one day last week, which is a fine price for that much land in one body.

Isaac P. Dyer as administrator this week sold the W. E. Sumner 32 acre farm, near Beagles school house, to A. F. Scherer, at \$48.00 per acre.

Lewis Kidwell, just over in "The Kingdom, south of Mexico, shipped a ear of 230 pound hogs to the market from Benton City one day last week.

A firm at Monroe City has bought 17 horse hides in the past few weeks as a result of the wormy corn epidemic among the horses in that section.

Wm. Harrigan, near Wells-ville, lost three horses recently, all he had—a serious loss to him. His good neighbors gathered his corn and cribbed it for him.

Sam Griffith, who lives in the suburbs of Louisiana, has five cows that in the past year, brought him in a revenue of \$487.50, including a veal calf that he sold from each.

A Ralls county woman raised 81 capons the past season and sold them for almost as much as she could have gotten for turkeys—and they cost her about half as much to raise and fatten.

J. H. Ross, near Wells-ville, butchered a Plymouth Rock hen recently that he says weighed 11 pounds. He is offering a silver dollar to the person who can produce a larger hen than this one.

The Live Stock Reporter of Wednesday of last week said: Fred Norris, the big feeder of Audrain county, Mo., had a ear of good beaves here today that averaged 1306 pounds and brought \$7.35, which sale is close to the top of the market.

The Paris Appeal has this compliment for a couple of progressive Monroe county farmers: "The best road workers in our part of the county are Homer and Oscar Powers," said John Cramp, from near Victor Tuesday. "They gave \$126 worth of labor in our district this season, working eight of their own horses ten days and four horses another day. We have plenty of other liberal fellows down there but Homer and Oscar deserve special mention."

J. L. Sappington, near Centralia, says gastric colic is what is killing the horses of this section. The disease, he says, is caused by eating of bad corn. In dry years there is a fly that deposits her eggs upon the tassels, ears and fodder. These eggs produce a worm that eats into the corn, and produces a dust. This dust contains poison that bloats horses and often causes death. Cows, too, are affected, but not so generally, or so seriously. He treated only two cows. Hogs, too, are affected. Last season was the third of this kind in fifteen years. Many farmers avoided the poison in the corn by shelling it before feeding. Shelling separates the corn from the dust, which seems to contain most of the poison. Veterinaries are advising a mixed feed of hay and other food. Experiences show this is best.

Union Chapel church, this county, lately installed a new organ.

Seventeen persons from Audrain county attended "Farmers' Week" in Columbia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Younger entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morgan and daughter, Miss Charity, and Mr. E. H. Roberts of south-east of Mexico, last Sunday.

## SURROUNDING AUDRAIN.

The Baker school house near Fulton burned to the ground a short time since. Miss Griffith was the teacher there this winter.

Elmer Carrington is in jail at Fulton awaiting trial on the charge of forging his father's name to several checks which, it is alleged, he cashed.

While cutting timber for wood one day last week, Guyen Thompson, a farmer living near Elsberry, was severely hurt by the falling of a tree. Both his legs were broken.

George Summers, the Sturgeon druggist, who was charged with violating the local option law, withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty. His punishment was assessed at \$300.

J. L. Hill, officer of the Columbia Modern Woodmen Lodge, who was caught in Kansas City after he had embezzled \$700 of the funds of the order, pleaded guilty a few days ago and was sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary.

Miss Lulu Carpenter has served as secretary of the Baptist Sunday School at Hallsville for 20 years. In all these years she has been absent from her post of duty but a few times. The school presented her with a gold medal recently as a token of esteem and in recognition of her faithfulness.

T. J. Morris, proprietor of a Columbia drug store, was fined \$1,800 in the Circuit Court for selling liquor in Boone County without a license. He also gave a bond of \$1,000 that he would not engage in the drug business in the county as long as the local option law remained in force.

Velma Campbell, aged 17, won the College Mound District spelling match last week and will represent the district at the county contest at Macon. After an hour and a half, neither Miss Campbell nor Mona Sagaser of Bevier, had misspelled a word. They spent the tie. Miss Sagaser lost on pallet, spelling it with one "L." Four district matches have been held, and in each case, except one, the winner has been a girl.

T. J. Huff, formerly of Lincoln county, Mo., for several years has been down at Panama helping on the big canal. Recently he was badly injured. He was engineer for one of the steam shovels. The shovel struck a hole filled with dynamite and it was exploded. Mr. Huff was struck by a terrible shower of small rocks, piercing his body and limbs, from head to foot. One eye had to be taken out, while the other may possibly be saved. Surgeons picked 1,600 small particles of stone from Huff's body.

Claims of persons in all parts of the country to the estate of Hugh Smith will be presented at the February term of the Callaway County Probate Court. Prosecuting Attorney J. R. Baker, C. M. Hay, and Judge N. D. Thurmond are in Virginia and Louisiana obtaining depositions. Smith left an estate valued at \$10,000. William Wyatt Smith of Virginia, who says he is a nephew of Smith, and William Bade Smith of New Orleans are the principal claimants. Recently a woman in Arkansas entered a claim on the ground she was a daughter of Smith, who was known as a bachelor. Knowledge of a peculiarity in Smith's voice was the point on which she based her relation.

Up at Paris, Mo., they have a lodge of Odd Fellows that is doing a grand work. Many of our readers remember this lodge sending a little girl to California several years ago to relatives and how tenderly she was cared for on the way. This lodge has a ward in the person of Miss Lucile Humble and has undertaken to educate and train her for the duties and responsibilities of life.

## ARE TO ORGANIZE.

### LIVE STOCK MEN IN "GET-TOGETHER" MEETING.

Commission Rate Increase at East St. Louis Is Condemned.

Centralia, Mo., Jan. 20.—A meeting of stock men was held at the City Hall here this afternoon to consider the recent advance in commission prices made by the Live-Stock Exchange of East St. Louis. Judge Shelton of Randolph county was made chairman, C. G. Starr secretary and James H. Starr treasurer. Speeches were made by leading stock men of all over Central Missouri.

The purpose of the organization is to promote the welfare of the live-stock industry, and especially, in view of the raise in commission rates, to organize a corporation, obtain membership in the St. Louis Live-Stock Exchange and transact a general commission business.

A committee, composed of one member from each county, was appointed to meet in Moberly, Saturday, February 10, to draft rules, regulations and bylaws. Those appointed were: H. T. Gant, Audrain; H. D. Wilcox, Randolph; John Rumans, Monroe; W. D. Harrington, Chariton; H. C. Newmier, Macon; B. O. Hensley, Montgomery; J. H. Starr, Boone; Sherman Houston, Saline; W. P. Hawkins, Pike; G. G. Terry, Callaway, and J. R. Brown, Boone. H. D. Wilcox was chosen chairman of the committee and J. H. Taylor of Keytesville counsel.

A committee, composed of J. S. Lattrell, Keytesville; Prof. Allison, Columbia, and C. G. Starr, Centralia, was appointed to meet with the Pettis county shippers and feeders at their meeting January 25.

A monster meeting of all the shippers of Missouri will be held in Mexico February 17 to organize the Missouri Shippers and Feeders' Association.

At "Farmers' Week" in Columbia last week a strong resolution was adopted condemning the raise in commission rates by the East St. Louis Live Stock Exchange. At the Mexico gathering, February 17, as the boys say, evidently there will be something doing.

She has a home with Hon. J. P. Boyd and wife, former residents of Ralls county, and they treat her as if she was their own daughter. At a meeting of the lodge last week the committee to whom is entrusted the work of looking after the young lady made a report and told the lodge that \$150 was needed to send Miss Humble to Kirksville to prepare her to teach. A collection was taken and \$210.50 was raised instantly, the contributions ranging from one to ten dollars. No wonder 48 members were added to the Paris Odd Fellows during the past year.

O. R. Kendall spent Sunday with Mexico relatives.

Mrs. C. A. Torreyson of Laddonia spent Sunday with Mrs. Jesse Seabee of this city.

Mr. J. R. Schroll of New Bloomfield and Mrs. Virginia McIntyre of Guthrie came to Mexico one day last week and were married. Rev. J. D. Watson officiating.

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